

Plota planning feed: WCAG 2.2 AA test results

Accessibility test of the live planning application feed that councils add to their websites, in every style the feed builder offers. Tested 5 October 2026.

All 17 versions passed every test.

How it was tested

- Each version of the feed was loaded from <https://plota.co.uk> in Chromium, through Playwright, with Addington as the example area.
- axe-core 4.10.3 (Deque Systems), the engine behind most accessibility checkers, ran every rule tagged WCAG 2.0, 2.1 and 2.2 at levels A and AA, including colour contrast (1.4.3), frame and page titles (2.4.2, 4.1.2), the page language (3.1.1), names for links and images (2.4.4, 1.1.1) and target size (2.5.8).
- Measured in the same page: every link and control was reached with the Tab key and looked different when focused, a ring on links and a recoloured, outlined pin on the map (2.1.1, 2.4.7); links outside running text are at least 24 by 24 pixels (2.5.8); at 320 pixels wide, the width of a 1280 pixel screen zoomed to 400%, nothing scrolls sideways (1.4.10).
- The feed's map is a fixed picture that works as a single link to the full list. It has no dragging, panning or zoom controls, so 2.5.7 (dragging movements) does not apply.

Results

Version	axe rules passed	axe failures	Reached by keyboard	Focus visible	Targets 24px	Reflows at 320px	Language	Result
Plota standard style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
NetWise style	20	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Aubergine 262 style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Parish Council Websites style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Cuttlefish style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
e-mango style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Eyelid style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Parish Online style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Vision ICT style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Easy Websites style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Pear Space style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
TEEC style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
VCS style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Zonkey style	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass

Version	axe rules passed	axe failures	Reached by keyboard	Focus visible	Targets 24px	Reflows at 320px	Language	Result
Plota standard, compact density	11	0	6 of 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Aubergine 262 style, compact density, 2 km	11	0	6 of 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass
Council colour (#9d2515), heading changed	21	0	11 of 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	en-GB	Pass

Text over the map

axe leaves the contrast of text that sits over another layer for a person to check. The one such text is the small map credit, "© OpenStreetMap © CARTO", in the corner of the map. Its text is #5f6d6a on a white panel. From the week of 5 October 2026 the panel is solid white, giving 5.4:1 whatever the map shows beneath it.

The code a council pastes

The code adds the feed's frame with a descriptive title ("Recent planning applications in" the area, or the council's own heading) and a line under it, "Planning data by Plota", as an underlined link. Its text colours are #5f7078 and #0f766e, 5.1:1 and 5.5:1 on white, so they are for light backgrounds; a council with a dark page can change the two colours in the code. If the script is blocked or removed, that line still links to the area's full list of applications.

Limits

Automated testing finds most, but not all, accessibility problems, and this is not an independent audit. The feed is also checked with automated tests on every change to it. To report a problem, email hello@plota.co.uk.

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